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### **Portocork America Expands Napa Valley Cork Facility** *Leading Cork Company expands and adds new quality measures*

(NAPA, Calif.) – **Portocork America**, North America’s premier supplier of natural cork stoppers for the wine industry has recently expanded and further developed their Napa Valley cork facility with nearly \$1 million in new production, treatment, storage and quality control equipment and procedures.

“Portocork America remains committed to natural cork and to supplying the best cork available,” said **Dustin Mowe**, Portocork America’s President. “We realize there is more pressure on us to provide a 100% fault free product and this investment along with changes to our quality program is going to help us get closer to that goal as well as position us for the future demands of our customers”.

Having served the North American wine industry for a quarter of a century, **Portocork America** has grown tremendously over the past few years. The newly-expanded facility meets current and future growth needs with features such as a fully-equipped on-site laboratory run by Isabelle Sodini, PhD and her team of four lab technicians, full-time quality control inspectors that visually inspect every single cork, a state-of- the-art humidification room with water treatment and ozone sterilization and a massive climate-controlled storage warehouse that holds in excess of 50 million corks at all times.

Since 1983, **Portocork America** has been the leading supplier of natural cork to the American wine market. With quality assurance standards that are second to none, Portocork remains committed to natural cork against market pressure to diversify into alternative closures. Portocork was the first cork producer to develop a full quality assurance lab in the United States and one of the first to purchase and install a gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS) machine that analyzes every single cork bale for TCA.

For more information about **Portocork America** or to arrange a visit to the new state-of-the-art facility in Napa, please contact **Portocork President Dustin Mowe** at 707.258.3930, visit [www.portocork.com](http://www.portocork.com) or send an email to [info@portocork.com](mailto:info@portocork.com).

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